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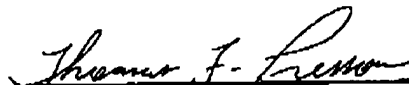
REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 13, 15-17, 19-22 and 24-26 are currently pending.
Claims 1 and 15, which are independent, are hereby amended.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15-17,
19-22 and 24-26 are patentable.

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